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1. [redacted] five Soviet ships arrived at Burgas and anchored in the outer port area. These ships included two large cruisers one of which was allegedly of the KIROV class.¹ The other cruiser may have been of the same class [redacted]

[redacted] Three destroyers, estimated to be about 2,000 tons, accompanied the cruisers.

2. The naval squadron was commanded by an unidentified admiral who went ashore. The naval formation left Burgas in the afternoon of 23 October 1953, after having fired a salvo of guns in salute.

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